

The resignation of Mr. Wagner, as a member of the committee of finance was accepted.

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*Stated Meeting, October 3.*

Present, eleven members.

Prof. FRAZER, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Mr. J. P. Lesley and Dr. S. D. Gross, recently elected members, were introduced, and took their seats.

Letters were read:—

From J. P. Lesley, dated Philadelphia, Oct. 3, 1856, acknowledging the receipt of notice of his election as a member of the Society: and—

From the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, dated Philadelphia, Sept. 29, 1856, returning thanks for No. 55 of the Proceedings of the Society.

The following donations were announced:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Nuovi Esperimenti risguardanti l'Origine dell' Elettricità Atmosferica &c. di Zantedeschi. Venezia, 1854. 8vo.—Ricerche sulla Contemporaneità del Passaggio delle opposte correnti elettriche in un filo metallico; del Prof. Zantedeschi. Vienna, 1855. 4to.—Nuovo Elettroscopio per le due elettricità d'influenza; del Prof. Francesco Zantedeschi. Vienna, 1855, 8vo.—Sur les Courants Électriques dirigés en sens opposé sur le même fil, en relation avec la télégraphie: par M. Zantedeschi. Paris, 1855. 4to. (*Comptes Rendus*, Tome XLl.)—*From the Author.*

Documents relative to the Colonial History of the State of New York, procured in Holland, England and France, by John Romeyn Brodhead, Esq., Agent, &c. Edited by E. B. O'Callaghan, M.D. Vol. VII. Albany, 1856. 4to.—*From the Regents of the University of the State of New York.*

Ninth Annual Report of the Regents of the University of the State of New York, on the Condition of the State Cabinet of Natural History, and the Historical and Antiquarian Collection annexed thereto:—made to the Senate, Feb. 20, 1856. Albany. 8vo.—*From the same.*

Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia. Vol. VIII. No. 4. Philadelphia. 8vo.—*From the Academy.*

Proceedings of the Boston Society of Natural History. Vol. V. No. 25. Sept. 1826. Boston. 8vo.—*From the Society.*

Human Physiology: by Robley Dunglison, M.D. LL.D., &c. &c. Eighth Edition, revised, modified and enlarged. 2 vols. Philadelphia, 1856. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

Experiments upon Digestion: by Francis G. Smith, M.D. &c. &c. Philadelphia, 1856. 8vo.—*From the Author.*

Mr. Justice laid upon the table a dried fungus from near Juliustown, New Jersey, which, in the dried specimen, has the radii of the *volva* firmly closed over the flattened spherical *capitulum*; but upon being moistened the rays of the *volva* open widely, like a stellate flower, gradually closing again as the fungus becomes dry; and this may be repeated a great number of times. The specimen agrees very nearly with the description of *Geastrum hygrometricum*, as given by Persoon in his Synopsis Methodica Fungorum (Göttingen, 1801), as referring to *Lycoperdon volvam recolligens* of Schmidel.

A vacancy in the Committee of Finance having occurred by the resignation of Mr. Wagner, Mr. John F. James was appointed a member of that committee.

### *Stated Meeting, October, 17.*

Present, nine members.

Judge KANE, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Letters were read:—

From the Royal Academy of Sciences at Madrid, dated Dec. 3, 1854;—from the Royal Geographical Society of London, dated Whitehall place, June 12, 1856;—and from the Royal Bavarian Academy of Sciences, dated Munich, June 20, 1856, all announcing donations for the library.

The following donations were announced:—

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Memoirs of the Royal Astronomical Society. Vol. XXIV. being the quarto half volume for the session 1854–5. London. 4to.